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February 21, 2013

Public Service Commission 861 Silver Lake Boulevard Cannon Building, Suite 100 Dover, DE 19904 By Hand Delivery

Re:

In the Matter of Integrated Resource Planning for the Provision of Standard Offer Service by Delmarva Power & Light Company under 26 *Del. C.* §1007(c) & (d) PSC Docket No. 12-544

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, please find enclosed for filing the original and ten copies of the Department's petition to intervene in the above-referenced matter. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Attorney General

Enclosure

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Collin O'Mara, Secretary Thomas Noyes, DNREC Environmental Unit

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF INTEGRATED RESOURCE)	
PLANNING FOR THE PROVISION OF)	•
STANDARD OFFER SERVICE BY DELMARVA)	PSC DOCKET No. 12-544
POWER & LIGHT COMPANY UNDER)	
26 DEL. C. §1007(C) & (D))	
(OPENED DECEMBER 18, 2012))	

PETITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to Rule 21 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Delaware Public Service Commission ("Commission"), the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control ("DNREC") hereby petitions the Commission for leave to intervene as a party in this matter.

In support of its petition for leave to intervene, DNREC states the following:

- 1. Docket No. 12-544, filed by Delmarva Power, is an application for review of its Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP"). The IRP includes projections of environmental costs and benefits, which are of direct concern to DNREC. Intervener status would empower DNREC to fully engage as a party in this matter. DNREC intervened in a similar docket, PSC Docket No. 10-2, Delmarva Power's 2010 IRP.
- 2. DNREC is an agency of the State of Delaware, created pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* § 8001, *et seq.* DNREC's mission "is to ensure the wise management, conservation, and enhancement of the State's natural resources, protect public health and the environment, provide quality outdoor recreation, improve the quality of life and educate the public on historic, cultural,

and natural resource use, requirements and issues."

3. DNREC's contact information, pursuant to Rule 21(i) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, is as follows:

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- 4. DNREC's interest in the outcome of this proceeding is ensuring that Delmarva Power's IRP appropriately values the environment impacts of the energy supply options reflected in the IRP.
- 5. The Electric Utility Supply Act of 2006 (26 *Del. C.* §1007) provides that Delmarva Power "may consider the economic and environmental value" of its resource mix, including "[r]esources that provide short- or long-term environmental benefits to the citizens of this State (such as renewable resources like wind and solar power)" in developing this IRP.
- 6. The Public Service Commission regulations governing the development of the IRP requires that Delmarva Power "seek input into externalities, including but not limited to, health effects" from DNREC. (26 DE Reg. 953 (01/01/10)). Delmarva consulted with DNREC on externalities in developing the IRP presented in this docket.

DNREC's interest will not be adequately represented by any of the other parties to this proceeding. The DNREC Division of Energy & Climate has statutory responsibility for the management and development of energy policy in Delaware, including renewable energy markets and energy efficiency programs. In that respect, no other participant in this proceeding

has the same obligation to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency in Delaware.

DNREC's participation in the proceeding would be in the public interest. The public relies upon DNREC to provide guidance and expertise in developing and managing renewable energy markets in Delaware. As a public agency, DNREC has no private interest in the outcome of the proceeding.

For the foregoing reasons, DNREC respectfully requests that it be granted leave 9. to intervene in this proceeding as a party for all purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 21, 2013

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Valerie Satterfield Edge, do hereby certify that true and correct copies of the Petition for Leave to Intervene of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control were served to the service list attached by electronic mail on February 21, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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SERVICE LIST DP&L'S 2012 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN

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